

**CHOCTAW ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC**  
**P.O. Box 758 – Hugo, Oklahoma 74743**

**Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees**

The regular meeting of the board of trustees of Choctaw Electric Cooperative was held in the board room of the cooperative in Hugo, Oklahoma, March 25, 2025.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Brent Franks called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

The following trustees were present:

Brent Franks, District G	Perry Thompson, Jr., District E	Jana Burris, District B
Stacy Nichols, District C	Debbie Cody, District F	
Bill Woolsey, District D	Ken Autry, District I	

Council for the cooperative, J. Frank Wolf, III, was present. Choctaw Electric Cooperative staff present: Kooney Duncan, CEO General Manager, Tanya Roebuck, Executive Assistant, Rickey Bowen, System Administrator, and Michael Melton, Director of Finance & Accounting.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Upon call from President Franks, Stacy Nichols gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Introduction of Guests**

Emma Bundy, CEC Youth Tour Ambassador, was present and gave a short overview of projects she has been involved in. Kenny Sivard, CEC Purchasing Agent, was also present.

**4. Consent Items**

- a. Approval of February 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorization to Write Off February 2024 Uncollected Accounts

Motion by Debbie Cody  
Seconded by Jana Burris

To approve the February 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and authorization to write off the February 2024 uncollected accounts in the amount of \$3439.76.

Approved without discussion. The motion carried.

**5. Department Reports**

Kooney Duncan gave an account of department activities.

- a. Service and Construction:
  - We continue to work with ODOT to get payment on state projects completed. Reimbursement for the Highway 3 project was recently received.
  - Completed a 3-day work order inspection with Allgeier, Martin, & Associates to close out 2024.

- Continue to work with the Choctaw Nation on power quality issues with the Hochatown Casino.
- b. Right of Way and Service Quality
  - The Haworth sub has been completed.
  - Contract crews cleared 9.6 miles on the Darwin sub, feeder 2.
- c. Safety and Technical Operations
  - No lost-time accidents this month.
  - Still working with Ford to get frame issues fixed on two trucks.
- d. IT System Report
  - The Truck and Dispatch radio system replacement project is scheduled to start in March.
  - Both offices are now using AT&T as our internet provider.
- e. Customers Service and Billing
  - 1,421 service orders were made for the month.
  - 2,063 incoming calls for the month of February.
  - 5,802 total paperless accounts.
- f. Member Services
  - There are 118 active storm shelter loans.
  - Applications for Kilowatt Kids Camp & Megawatt Kids Camp are being accepted.

## 6. Financial Report

Michael Melton gave the February 2025 Financial report.

- February Revenue \$5,961,170, YTD revenue \$11,629,276
- February Cost of Power \$3,219,783, YTD Cost of Power \$7,028,922
- February Total Cost of Electric Service \$4,586,098, YTD Total Cost of Electric Service \$9,800,509
- February 2025 kWh Sales 54,849,717, February 2024 kWh Sales 51,707,077
- Revenue from Electric Sales, February 2025 \$5,916,098, February 2024 \$5,706,485
- February 2025 WFEK kWh Purchased, 48,667,197, February 2024 kWh Purchased, 41,891,304
- February 2025 WFEK Average Cost per kWh \$0.0662, February 2024 \$0.0605

## 7. Attorney's Report

No report

## 8. CEO Report

Mr. Duncan reported on several topics and meetings he attended.

- WFEK
  - Fuel base projections are estimated to be in the 40-mills range.
  - Solar projections are increasing due to longer days and are estimated to be around 11,000 MWh for March.
- OAEC weekly Legislative update call
  - Discussed current legal cases involving cherry picking of loads.

- Choctaw Electric Cooperative
  - Experienced a significant windstorm that resulted in approximately 3,300 outages across our system.
  - The Finance department prepared and participated in our 2024 Annual Financial Report Audit conducted by Bolinger, Seagers, Gilbert and Moss LLP.
  - The U.S. Forest Service access permit was received for the Bethel to Hochatown project.

#### 9. **Executive Session**

President Franks announced the board would convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts, and legal matters.

Motion by Jana Burris at 10:38 a.m.

Seconded by Debbie Cody to enter Executive Session. The motion carried.

Motion by Ken Autry at 11:06 a.m.

Seconded by Bill Woolsey to reconvene in regular session. The motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in regular session.

#### 10. **Action Items**

##### a. **2025 Right of Way Contract**

Motion by Jana Burris

Seconded by Perry Thompson, Jr.

To authorize CEC management to approve the proposal and any required documents to proceed with Texar Line Clearance for the 2025 Right of Way Contract consisting of 383.7 miles, based on pricing.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

##### b. **Amendment to 2025 Unit Purchases**

Motion by Bill Woolsey

Seconded by Jana Burris

To give approval to amend from the former approved prices to the new price to purchase the added equipment on the new digger.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

**c. Housing Authority Report & Commissioner's Appointment**

Motion by Ken Autry

Seconded by Perry Thompson, Jr.

To approve the reappointment of Kendra Ingram as resident Commissioner, for a one-year term and to approve the two-year reappointments of board members, Bryant Rickman and Britni Hudson.

The motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

**d. OAEC Capitol Day, Banquet & Annual Meeting Board Member Attendance**

Motion by Debbie Cody

Seconded Perry Thompson, Jr.

To approve board members Jana Burris and Brent Franks to attend the OAEC Capitol Day, Banquet, and Annual Meeting April 7-8.

Motion was approved without discussion. Motion carried.

**11. WFEC Report**

Ken Autry gave a short report. He stated he foresees power prices increasing because of increased demand in the market primarily driven by new types of technologies such as data centers, etc. This will require all utilities to build new generation resources. The Skeleton Creek solar battery project is 80% complete. In February we saw a historic demand for power costs on the WFEC system. This is significant because it affects the price of power year-round. Natural gas prices were very high in February, reaching the \$9 range.

**12. Other Business**

No other business to discuss.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be discussed, upon motion made by Stacy Nichols and seconded by Jana Burris. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

**Board Expenses Reported for March 1 – 25, 2025**

Bill Woolsey	\$592.00
Ken Autry	\$617.20
Stacy Nichols	\$659.20
Brent Franks	\$579.92
Debbie Cody	\$549.12
Perry Thompson, Jr.	\$548.42
Jana Burris	\$602.32



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President

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Secretary/Treasurer

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